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Terrorist Grenade Rips Bus Carrying Florida Baptists

JERUSALEM (BP) — Terrorists threw a hand grenade at a busload of 17 Southern Baptist tourists here from Main Street Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

A 16-year-old member of the church was severely wounded as pieces of shrapnel allegedly thrown by Arab terrorists ripped through the metal side of the bus in which the group was traveling.

De Jean Replogle, 16, of Jacksonville, accompanying her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William K. Replogle, was rushed to Hadassa Hospital where she underwent 14 hours of surgery.

Reports said Miss Replogle suffered a severed artery and a shattered hipbone. Amputation of her right leg above the knee was required. She was hit in the thigh by shrapnel, reports indicated.

G. Wayne Buck, a Southern Baptist missionary associate in Jerusalem where he serves as a chaplain to tourists and works with the Baptist Book Store, said after the incident, the Baptist group was planned to continue its tour the day after Christmas.

Buck said the incident of terrorism will not affect the relationships Baptist missionaries have established in Jerusalem in any negative way. The attack was an attempt to discourage tourists from coming to Israel, he noted.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) claimed responsibility for the attack and warned tourists against traveling inside Israeli-held Holy Land territory.

The PLO statement, distributed in Beirut by the Palestinian news agency, Wafa, warned "all tourists traveling to Palestine and those on their way to it that we will not be responsible for whatever harm that might befall them."

Members of the Baptist touring group led by their pastor, E. C. McDaniel, a member of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, had just boarded the bus outside the Church of St. Lazarus in East Jerusalem, where the grenade exploded and shrapnel tore through the side of the vehicle.

McDaniel said, "I heard an explosion which I thought was a huge firecracker. I turned immediately and saw a cloud of dust. One of our young girls screamed. I thought she was hysterical because of the loud noise and I asked her to please be quiet, but she kept screaming."

"As other passengers dived to the floor, the girl's father rushed to her

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Southern Seminary Professor McGlon Dies

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Charles A. McGlon, 64, professor of speech at Southern Seminary, died Dec. 17 following a long bout with cancer, a seminary spokesman said.

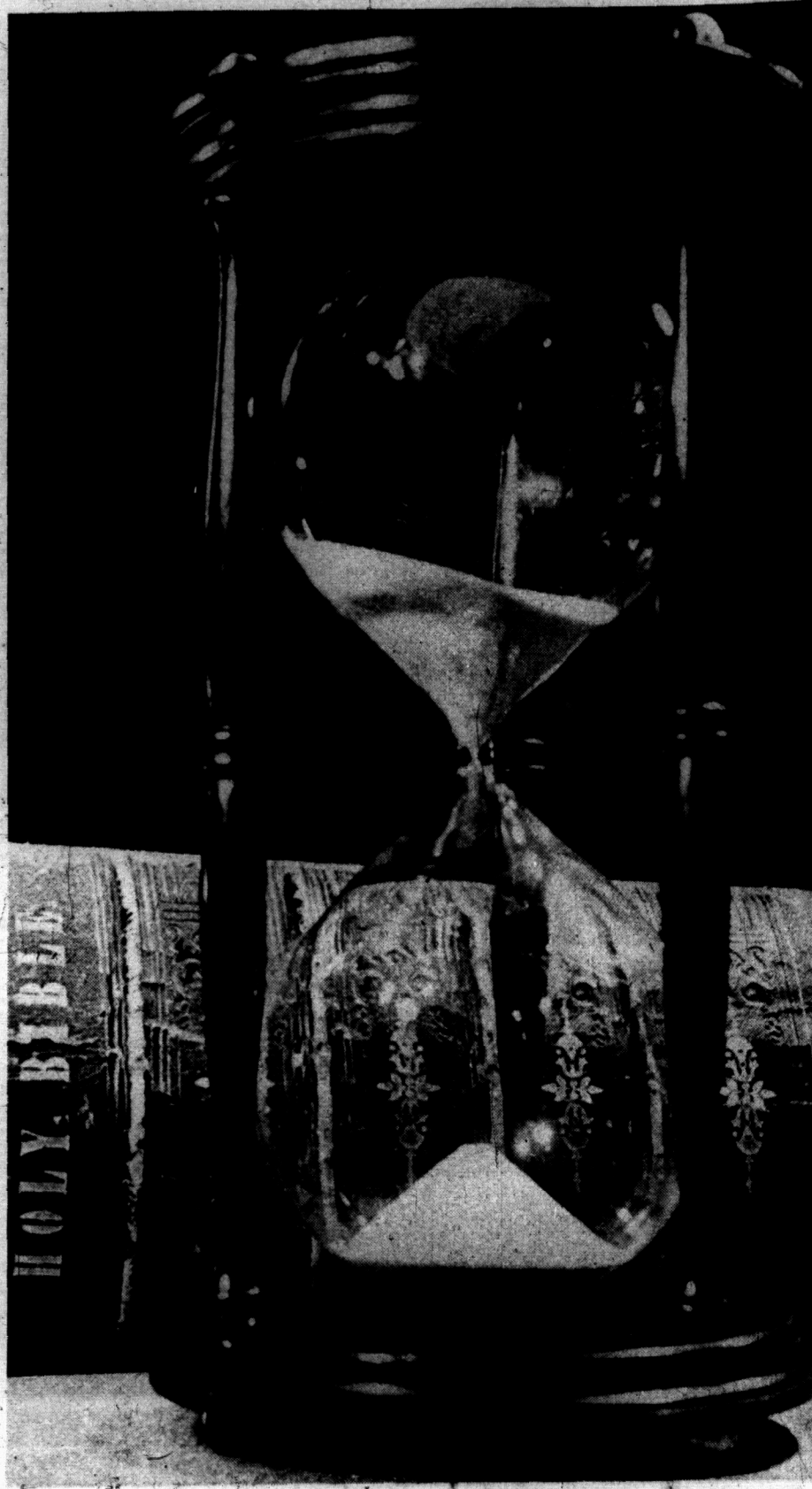
McGlon joined the seminary faculty in 1943 and nine years later originated what has been reported as the nation's first regularly scheduled religious television series. The program was aired locally.

A native of Florida, McGlon earned the B.A. and M.A. degrees in education from Gainesville before receiving the Ph.D. from New York's Columbia University.

Ordained in 1959, McGlon had served as interim pastor for churches in Louisville, Owensboro, Paducah and Covington, Ky.

When McGlon joined the Southern Seminary faculty, the concept of a speech and drama department was a new one for a seminary. During his three decade tenure at the school, McGlon shaped the concept into a reality.

McGlon's widow, Jesse, resides in the Louisville area.



The Sands of Time Signal the Birth of a New Year

Cooperative Program Golden Anniversary

An Editorial

Almost one and one-half billion dollars for missions! That is the record of Southern Baptists in their giving through the Cooperative Program, in the fifty years since it was adopted as the convention budget program in 1925.

It is probable that this is a record unmatched in the annals of Christendom.

What a mighty service this program has rendered, as it has been used of God in leading Southern Baptists into great mission advance through this half century.

Meaning

What does this Cooperative Program anniversary mean? It means fifty years of service of a great budget plan for what is now America's largest evangelical denomination.

It means fifty years of mission support all across America, and literally around the world.

It means fifty years of the existence of a lifeline for vast areas of Baptist work beyond the local churches.

It means fifty years of efficient operation of the program of a great convention.

It means fifty years of opportunity for the smallest church to have part in world missions.

It means fifty years in which a single individual could have a part in everything that Southern Baptists are doing across America and to the ends of the earth.

It means fifty years of preaching, teaching, building, ministering and serving.

It means fifty years of growth of mission work in the associations, in the state, across the nation, and in more than eighty foreign countries.

It means fifty years of glorifying God by a denomination which had heard the words of Jesus, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

God Leading

God was surely leading Southern Baptists in 1925 when they adopted the concept of the Cooperative Program as the plan for mission support in the convention.

Prior to that time mission giving had been more or less spasmodic, with one agency getting the most funds in one area, and another in another. It often was according to who got there first, and had the most effective fund raiser.

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Diaries Delayed

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Diary, which has been mailed to pastors and leaders for the past several years, is late this year and will be mailed around Jan. 1, according to announcement by Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the convention board.

Paper shortages delayed the printing of the booklet so that it was not received in time to be mailed before Christmas. Those watching for the diary need not write or call, for it will be sent out as soon as possible after it is received from the printer.

Through 1974

SBC Growth Continues

NASHVILLE (BP) — According to statistical projections released by the Southern Baptist Convention, the denomination continued to grow in 1974 with an increase of 220,000 church members, over \$200,000,000 in mission expenditures for the first time and the fifth highest number of baptisms in the Convention's 123-year history.

The preliminary statistics compiled by reports received from 23,278 Southern Baptist churches indicate increases in church membership, Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood and Church Music enrollment, mission expenditures and total financial receipts. Decreases are predicted in baptism and Church Training enrollment. However, projected baptisms only decreased 0.27 percent to a total of 412,872, the fifth highest number in Southern Baptist history. This marks the fourth year in succession that the number of baptisms have exceeded 400,000. Prior to 1971 the convention experienced nine successive years in which baptisms were under 400,000.

The 1974 Church Training enrollment projection which does not include new member or leader training registration showed only a 1.77 percent decrease as compared with a 4.6 percent in 1973. This represents a projected decrease of 34,500 Church Training members. Further projections of favorable change in Church Training statistics indicate that for the first time in several years there was no loss in the number of churches reporting Church Training programs.

These projections should be very close to the final official figures which will be released in February, 1975, according to Martin B. Bradley, manager of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Research Services Department. At the time the projections were computed, approximately 12,000 churches had not reported which is about one-third of the total number of churches.

For several years church membership has been increasing at approximately 2 percent each year, and 1974 will be no different. Church membership is expected to reach the 12,517,

468 mark reflecting a gain of 220,122 or 1.79 percent.

The projections indicated a 11.5 increase in total financial receipt, amounting to \$1,343,702,755 for the first time since 1968. The percentage of mission expenditures will be greater than a percentage of total receipts. Mission expenditures showed a projected increase of 12.1 percent for a total of \$218,968,463. This indicates the first time mission expenditures had exceeded \$200,000,000.

Sunday School enrollment increased in 1974 according to the projections. The estimate indicates a 0.09 percent increase or 6,646 members, setting the total at 7,189,014.

If projections are correct, the Church Music enrollment continued to climb in 1974. Statistics indicate a 4.98

percent increase or 62,381 members for a total of 1,315,009.

Brotherhood enrollment is expected to increase 1.7 percent. A gain of 4,394 members is projected for a total enrollment of 466,014.

After a 2.1 percent decrease last year Woman's Missionary Union gained 21,718 members for a 1.97 percent increase. Total WMU enrollment is expected to be 1,124,150.

These preliminary figures were reached by computing the actual figures from 23,278 churches. Then projected the statistical means they expect to report from the remaining 12,000 churches. Waiting factors were added to give an acceptable degree of accuracy to these projected figures for planning and decision making purposes in the denomination, says Bradley.

Churches Can Get Help In Preparing for Bicentennial

By Teena Andrews for Baptist Press

With the countdown for the nation's 200th birthday on July 4, 1976, at less than two years, plans for the big birthday celebration are well underway for many groups, both secular and religious; all the way from the largest national commission to the smallest community project.

Southern Baptists, along with hundreds of other religious and civic groups, already have their fingers in the Bicentennial birthday cake, and rightly so, says the denomination's Historical Commission in Nashville.

"This historic anniversary offers to Southern Baptists an unusual opportunity to learn about their religious heritage and the significant contributions which Baptists have made to the origin and development of America," said Lynn May, executive secretary-treasurer of the commission.

"Through Meaningful involvement

in Bicentennial programs and projects each individual and church can learn to draw on the resources of the past to help solve problems confronting them today," he continued.

Leaders of other religious and civic groups, in the same vein, seem to agree on one thing: the Bicentennial should be a grass roots celebration, individuals involved in some sort of project.

Many of the largest programs now underway are for that purpose—not to undertake monumental projects themselves, but to assist smaller groups, such as churches, to find and plan their own ways to celebrate.

On the national level, the official American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA), created in

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President Ford: Drug, Alcohol Abuse Affect All Phases Of American Life

SAN FRANCISCO (RNS) — President Ford warns that alcohol and drug abuse has had a major effect on every facet of national life.

In a message to the first North American Congress on Alcohol and Drug Problems, the President said his Administration "is keenly aware of the economic cost, social devastation and incalculable human suffering related to alcohol and drug abuse."

Mr. Ford cited the estimated \$25 billion-a-year drain on the economy from alcohol abuse.

He said the problems highlighted by the congress "have an impact on almost every major area of national concern: health care, highway safety, criminal justice, education, and even the current crucial battle against inflation."

Cooperative Program Anniversary noted In Special Section

In this issue of the Record, which is one of the most unusual ones ever published, you will find a presentation of the far-reaching ministry of the Cooperative Program. The special "pull out" section was prepared under the direction of the Stewardship Department of the Convention Board. You will find that major emphasis is given to the work within the state, but SBC agencies are included or listed. This is an effort to show, at the beginning of the Golden Anniversary Year of the Cooperative Program, something of the magnitude of the ministry of Cooperative Program dollars.

Baptists Of 100 Nations Will Observe BWA Sunday, Feb. 2

Baptists in New Zealand will be the first to observe Baptist World Alliance Sunday on February 2. Their land lies just west of the International Date Line, and their Sunday worship will begin even while Europeans prepare for bed on Saturday night.

But as the sun continues its daily journey westward, Baptists in a hundred countries will gather in their churches to meditate on the faith and work of their fellow believers everywhere.

The final services of the day will be held in Hawaii and other Pacific

islands, a full 24 hours after the prayers are said in New Zealand.

This 24-hour time span applies to Baptist services every Sunday, because their churches are spread across every time zone. But the first Sunday in February is especially significant — the one day a year marked for consideration of the international fellowship.

The Baptist World Alliance, with headquarters in Washington, reports a total of 33,492,813 members of Baptist churches in 138 countries. More than 28 million of these are members

of the 98 conventions and unions affiliated with the Alliance.

Robert S. Denny, general secretary of the BWA, said that the churches will observe the day in a variety of ways — each adapting its services to fit local situations. Sermons on the oneness of Baptist people in their Christian faith and prayers for Baptist people in other lands will be the common denominator.

Baptist World Alliance Sunday this year will major on a theme tied to the World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ — "The Cross, the

Cost of Reconciliation."

V. Carney Hargroves, president of the BWA, announced that many churches will extend the observance to a full week. Fellowship, community service, and evangelism all figure in a suggested program.

He said that the year 1975 is especially significant in the Alliance's 70-year history. It marks the climax of a five year emphasis on reconciliation (World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ). It also is the year of the 13th Baptist World Congress, meeting at Stockholm July

8-13 with an expected attendance of 10,000 persons from 80 countries.

A Message for Baptist World Alliance Sunday, released from the office in Washington, noted that "Baptist people in many nations pause this day to think of our international fellowship. We thank God for his guidance and his blessings in the past. We look forward confidently, in his strength, to the challenges that face us."

It noted also that "the World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ has kindled the fires of evangelism around the earth. Thousands

of persons have been reconciled to God, professing their faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Christian people have been directed to projects of Christian service, demonstrating the love of Christ in their day to day relationships."

And it concluded: "Let us therefore — 33 million Baptists in more than 100 countries — press ever forward in proclamation of the Word, by speech and by deed, that every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the father." (Philippians 2:11).

Cooperative Program Golden Anniversary

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Then came the Seventy-Five Million Campaign from 1919-24 when Southern Baptist mission giving took a giant step forward. In that five years, the churches gave about as much to missions, or possibly more, than they had given in the previous seventy-five years of their history. Moreover, they had given it to be divided proportionately among the agencies. It is true that that not all of the pledges of \$93,000,000 were paid, and institutions and agencies made the mistake of going into debt on the basis of pledges. Yet, the \$58,000,000 that actually was given, brought great mission advance and God taught Southern Baptists the lesson of making gifts for all departments of the work, and dividing it proportionately according to need, by a set plan.

This was one of the factors from which the Cooperative Program came into existence, and now, after fifty years, it still continues to be the very best plan that Southern Baptists have found for carrying on their mission work.

The Cooperative Program is a voluntary giving program, supported by the churches on the basis of their own autonomous decision. It does not take away any privilege of direct gifts to certain agencies or causes. Indeed, under Southern Baptist practice, designated giving is encouraged.

A Basic Plan

Yet, thousands of churches have found the Cooperative Program to be the best basic plan for their sharing in mission giving, and support of the program has grown through the years. Adjustments and changes according to needs are made by convention messengers year by year, on recommendation from the Executive Committee.

As a result of the broad support of the Cooperative Program the undesignated gifts for missions have increased from \$4,336,312 in 1925 to \$100,583,695 in 1973. The goal of 1975 is \$150,000,000.

During the fifty years, total gifts through the Cooperative Program have been \$1,441,304,000. This is almost one and one-half billion dollars. More than one-half billion of this has gone for Southern Baptist Convention causes, while the remainder has been used in the states.

This is a mission giving unequalled by any other group in this same period.

Moreover, the Cooperative Program has been a mighty unifying force for Southern Baptists.

It also has led the convention in continuous expansion of its Christian witness.

It has kept Southern Baptist programs balanced.

It has provided strength and security for all of the agencies and institutions, in that assurance was given of adequate support for approved programs.

Such a program is worthy of praise.

God should be given glory for leading the convention into it, and in the continuing use of it.

The fiftieth anniversary celebration should be a glorious one, since the program has meant so much in the convention life.

With this issue we begin the celebration of the historical event, the founding of the Cooperative Program.

Churches Can Get Help In Preparing for Bicentennial

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December, 1973, acts as a "coordinating agency, not a program agency," explained Daniel McKenzie, private sector liaison officer with the administration. "We are here to lend assistance, to help get things started or see that local communities get things started," he said.

ARBA coordinates schedules and facilitates activities of local, state, national and international significance, drawing on the resources of public, private, civic and other organizations.

ARBA can help Baptist groups with their Bicentennial plans by offering a publication which contains detailed information on projects and events already underway. The Official Master Reference for Bicentennial Activities is published quarterly, and the second volume contained over 2,000 activities.

Churches planning Bicentennial programs are urged to send information to the administration for listing.

On the religious scene, another national group which can help churches in planning a "meaningful observance" of the Bicentennial is project Forward '76 (Freedom of Religion Will Advance Real Democracy), sponsored by the Interchurch Center in New York.

The center offers a national information bank, containing information related to the spiritual dimensions of the Bicentennial, a newsletter, planning assistance, scholarly research and program resources. A number of prominent Baptists are among the sponsors of this organization.

Many other denominations are working with their historical groups to emphasize the importance of religious freedom and their denomination's history. Presbyterians, United Methodists and Episcopalians are among those groups who will place a special emphasis on historical materials.

"The (Southern Baptist) Historical Commission will emphasize the role of our heritage in light of Bicentennial planning," said A. Ronald Tonks, assistant executive secretary of the commission. Among other activities, the commission plans conferences on the Bicentennial at Glorieta and Ridgecrest national conference centers in New Mexico and North Carolina during Bible Preaching Weeks.

"One of the emphases will be the Bicentennial celebrations in local churches. And there will be workshops on how local churches can use the celebration, especially to emphasize their Baptist heritage," Tonks continued. "We plan to encourage all churches to have a Bicentennial Project — of any sort. Every Baptist in every church should have his or her own project."

Although not on the official SBC calendar, the commission plans to encourage Baptist churches to designate

June 20, 1976 as Baptist Heritage Week.

The commission also hopes to move aggressively into gathering oral history from local churches in 1976. "This is the greatest opportunity of the half-century to develop and increasing awareness of Baptist history," Tonks emphasized. "People will be especially interested in history and the past at this time," he said.

Other non-denominational religious organizations, such as the American Bible Society, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, The Religious Communities and the Arts and The American Revolution (RCAAR) have special plans.

The American Bible Society plans to release the complete Today's English Version of the Bible in 1976 as a "gift" to Americans on its 200th birthday. Their theme for the Bicentennial era is "Good News, America!" and the ABS will work with local churches in preparing portions of the scriptures for special Bicentennial events, spokesmen said. They will prepare special illustrations and additional written materials to coordinate with a specific local event.

Americans United plan to celebrate May 2-8, 1976 as National Religious Freedom Week.

RCAAR, an interfaith project has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. RCAAR will focus primarily on local areas and regions, relating religion and art.

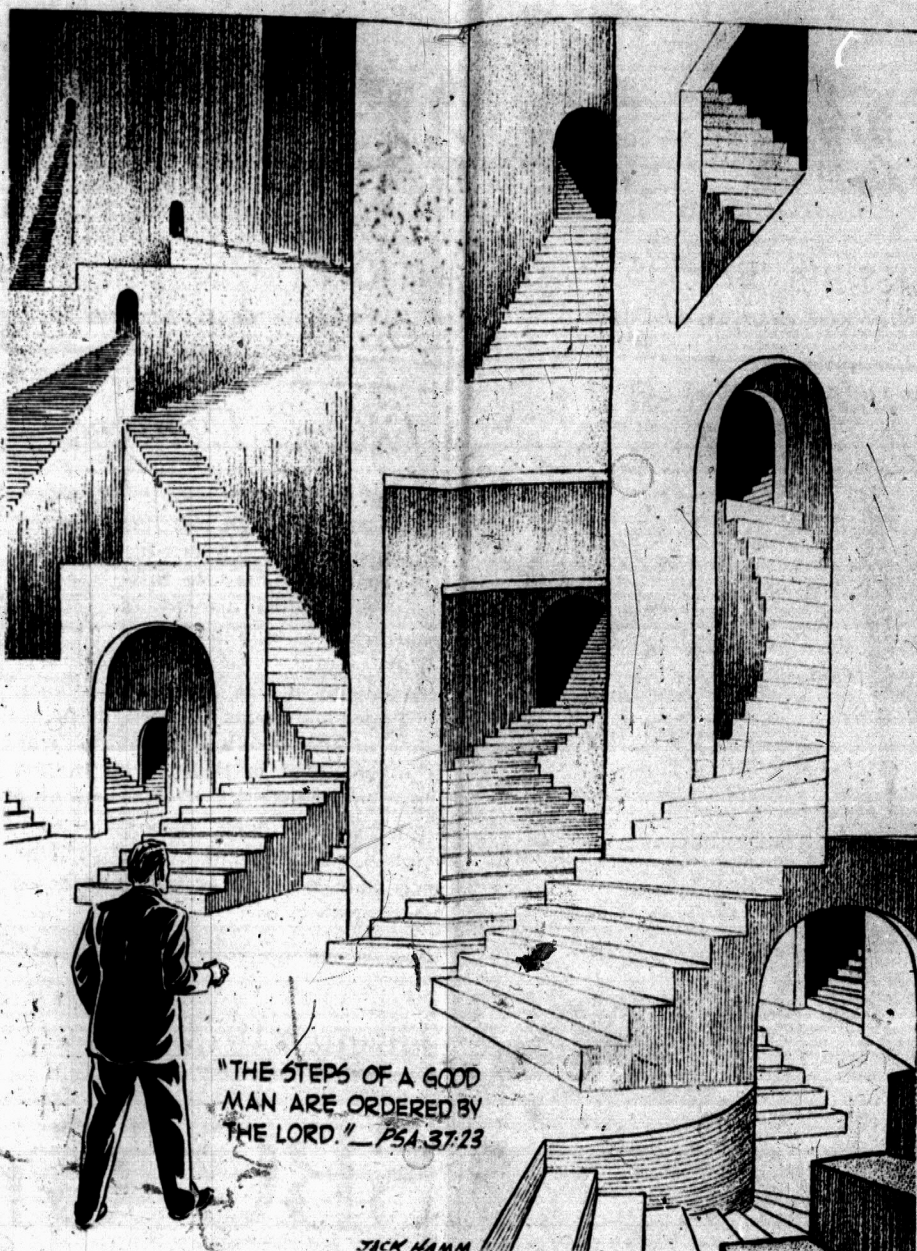
Southern Baptists plan to ring in with a nationwide Baptist meeting in San Antonio for young people, Dec. 28, 1975 - Jan. 1, 1976.

Several agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention will sponsor the meeting which will seek to "speak to students and young adult involvement in the mission of the church at the beginning of the 200th anniversary of our nation," said Charles Roselle, secretary of the National Student Ministries of the denomination's Sunday School Board.

Other Baptist agencies, such as the Christian Life Commission in Nashville, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C., the Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth and the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, are planning special activities.

But the local church and community hold the key to each individual American being involved in the realization of what they owe to their heritage, Bicentennial spokesmen say.

"Through such involvement Baptists can help to make the United States Bicentennial what it should be," said May, "a time for individual churches and our nation to consider who and what we are and to look at our failures as well as our successes; a time to work for reconciliation; a time to look at the future."



"THE STEPS OF A GOOD MAN ARE ORDERED BY THE LORD." — Psa. 37:23

New Year Labyrinth

Today's American Cities Are Seen As "Promised Land"

By Toby Druin

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Today's cities were characterized here as possible modern versions of "the Promised Land" as Southern Baptists pooled their ideas on reaching metropolitan America for Christ.

"The story of the Bible begins in the garden, but it ends in the city," Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary professor Francis DuBose said. The Christian movement itself literally is an urban movement, he explained.

Ken Lyle, director of missions for Manhattan Baptist Association in New York City, echoed similar sentiments: "It may well be true that God has led the church. His people to the borders of a new promised land — the city."

DuBose and Lyle were among speakers addressing a metropolitan evangelism "think tank" at the First Baptist Church and Hotel Monteleone here November 18-20.

Sponsored by the division of evangelism of the Home Mission Board (HMB), the "think tank" brought together some 30 laymen, pastors, missionaries, directors of associational missions, youth leaders and state and Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) leaders and agency representatives.

They spent 16 hours hearing lectures and exchanging ideas and methods used in winning people to Christ and

ministering in cities all across the nation.

Forest H. Watkins, associate director of the HMB's evangelism materials and services department and moderator of the conference, said at the close, "We haven't come up with any easy solutions, of course, and we didn't expect to but at least we have begun focusing on the problem of winning the cities of America to Christ. Maybe some of the ideas shared here this week will put us a step closer to the goal."

These ideas covered a wide variety of approaches including a ministry of deacon visitation, evangelism through ministries to youth and the elderly, television spot announcements, use of marked New Testaments, simply "preaching the Word of God," a seven-week revival campaign centering around public schools, and distribution of "doublons" at the New Orleans Mardi Gras carrying the message of John 3:16.

John Havlik, director of the HMB's evangelism materials and services department, told the group in a keynote address that Christians should be interested in the cities because, the people there are made in God's image and God is in the city.

E. Y. Hill, black evangelist and pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Los Angeles, castigated Southern Baptists for staying away from

World Baptist Leaders Ask Clemency For Prisoners

MOSCOW (BP) — An international delegation of Baptist leaders pled for clemency for a dissident Soviet Baptist leader, Georgi Vins, and other such religious prisoners in a meeting here with the deputy chairman of the Board of International Affairs of the USSR.

The delegation, led by Robert A. Denny, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, was composed of international Baptist leaders attending the 41st Congress of the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (AUCECB).

Other members of the delegation with Denny were Jose Goncalves, president of the European Baptist Federation; Gerhard Claas, general secretary of the Baptist Union of West Germany; Andrew D. MacRae, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Scotland; David S. Russell, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland; and Knud Wumpelmann, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Denmark.

In particular, Denny noted, the position of the "Initiativnia," a dissident Baptist group, and other non-registered Soviet evangelical churches was examined. Separatist church groups have been a target of Soviet officials, landing Vins and others in prison for breach of Soviet law, reports have stated.

Vins, 46, of Kiev, is secretary of the Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians - Baptists, a movement considered illegal by the Soviet government. A founder of the CCECB, he was arrested in 1966 and released in 1969, in broken health, according to Christianity Today.

Reports indicate Vins secretly carried on the work of the CCECB, even after officials had opened a new case against him in 1970. He was jailed again in March, 1974, pending trial. He has since asked for a Christian lawyer from the West to represent him in court. Various members of his family have suffered imprisonment and job discrimination, reports say.

His father was arrested for illegal religious activities and died in a Soviet prison camp of torture, relatives said, according to Christianity Today. Denny noted with "great satisfaction" that the AUCECB had made request in October for the release of dissident believers now in Soviet prisons and that many of them had been released.

The delegation of Baptist leaders was impressed, Denny said, by the efforts of the AUCECB to bring about reconciliation with separated Baptist groups. They were heartened by the numbers who had returned, but shared the disappointment expressed that greater progress had not been possible, delegation spokesmen said.

try to get "clever or smart."

Vital elements in building a great church, he said, are biblical preaching, a good staff, adequate facilities and a core of people who believe the Bible is the Word of God and who teach it.

"Evangelism must permeate all we do," Weber said. "Our denomination ought to do more proclamation."

Homer Lindsey Jr., the pastor of First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla., said his church's priority is reaching men for Jesus Christ, making disciples. Some 500-600 people go out from his church weekly to present the gospel, he said, and the church is averaging 14 professions of faith and 12 baptisms a week.

"And we plan to double those figures in 1975-76," Lindsey said.

R. J. Robinson Declines Augusta Church Call

AUGUSTA, Ga. (BP) — R. Jack Robinson has declined an offer to become pastor of First Baptist Church here, where he served 21 years.

Robinson resigned the Augusta pulpit August 10, citing doctor's orders as a major reason. He was under treatment for bleeding ulcers and spent several weeks in an Augusta hospital.

In September he and Mrs. Robinson were divorced. She now lives in Houston, Tex.

In late October, the Augusta church's pulpit search committee asked Robinson for permission to recommend to the congregation that he be recalled as their pastor.

On Dec. 15, Robinson declined the offer. He said, "I have come to the firm decision that I cannot attempt this demanding task alone."

I have discussed the matter in depth with my physician. I have agonized in prayer for six weeks over what is best for me personally and for our church."

He said, "My love for First Baptist Church of Augusta will remain unending." Robinson told the congregation he was to take a managerial position with an Augusta business firm, Jan. 2.

Robinson preached the annual sermon at the time, 1974 Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas. He is a member of the Executive Committee, SBC, and was president of the Georgia Baptist Convention in 1971-72. He and his daughter Frances live in the home which the church gave the family on his 20th anniversary as pastor in 1973. She is a student at Augusta College.

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Young People Urge Action On Hunger

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ing students and young adults, who will be the leaders in the year 2000, to face God's call to Christian vocations.

Planners will design the conference, he says, to "issue a clear call of God for every person to be involved in proclaiming freedom in Christ at home and abroad and to show how such freedom contributes to personal liberty and citizenship responsibility."

"It will stress," points out Nell Magee, an SBC National Student Ministries staffer who will serve as national coordinator for the event, in San Antonio's Convention Center, "the importance of all young adults assuming their role in strengthening the moral fiber of American govern-

ment and society. And it will highlight the necessity of a Christian home."

Special emphasis will be given college students, single young adults, young marrieds and young military personnel, confronting them with Christian options to the crises of contemporary life, says Ed Seabough, associate director of the SBC Home Mission Board's personnel department, who will chair the promotion and registration committee for Freedom '76.

Besides program content, the registrants will have opportunities to become involved in specific mission projects, says W. F. Howard, retiring Texas Baptist student director and conference program committee chairman.

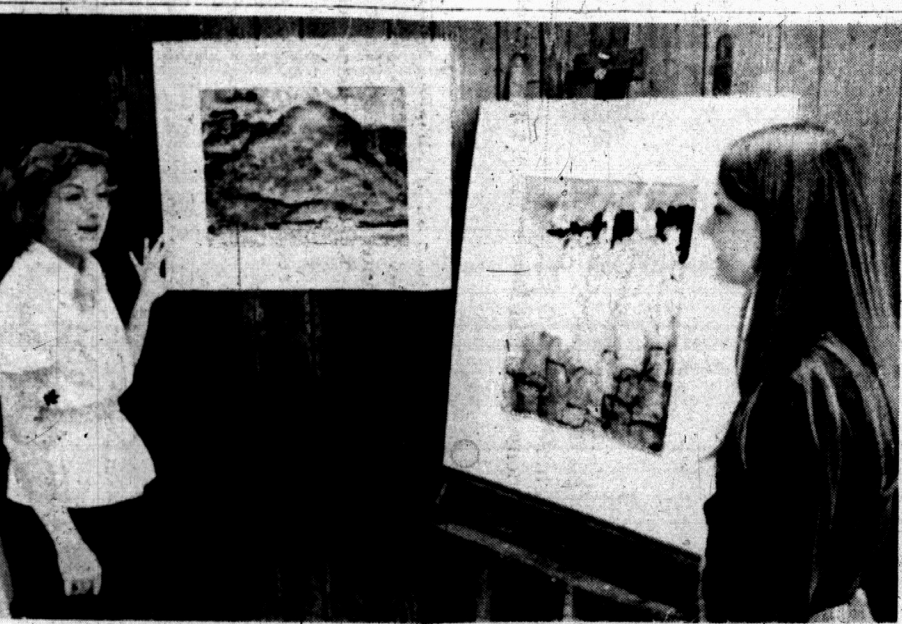
side and shouted, 'There's blood, she's been hit,' McDaniel said.

Eyewitnesses said the grenade landed about 30 feet from the bus and fragments ripped two holes through the metal side. Some of the tourists said they saw a car speed away after the blast and suspected the assailant was in the auto.

Reports said some 20 Arabs were rounded up for questioning in a house-to-house search.

"Before, I had only heard explosions on television," later said Robin Hadsom, a member of the Jacksonville tour group. "You read about terrorist attacks in the newspapers back home. But we never imagined it would happen to us."

Miss Replogle was rushed into surgery, reports said, but surgeons were unable to reconstruct a severed artery and had to amputate. One observer said the amputation was necessary because of "very little circulation."

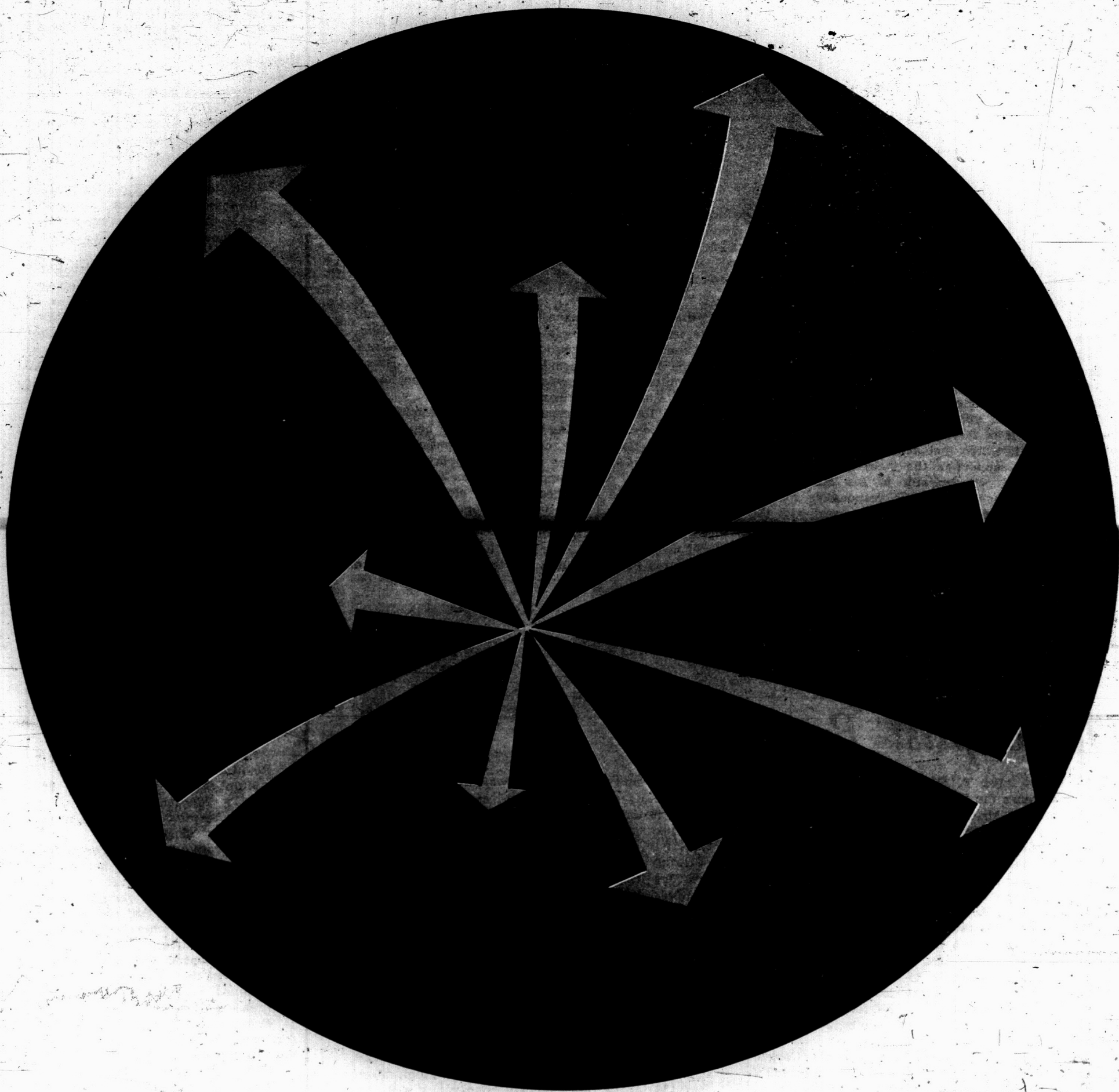


WILLIAM CAREY RECEIVES GIFT ART

Admiring two of the three pieces of art donated to the Carey Art Department by outstanding Mississippi artist Marie Hull are Patsy Howell, left and Judy Brand, art students. The original watercolor, on the left, is one of Marie Hull's own paintings. The other picture is a watercolor by Robert Burns, Jackson architect and artist. A third painting donated by Marie Hull is a valuable sketch by Andrew Bucci, a nationally known Washington, D. C. artist. According to Carey Art Department chairman, Miss Lucille Parker, the three pieces of art are on display in the Art Department. (Photo by Ron Dyal)

Share His Love

A Special Section of the Baptist Record observing the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program.



Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Matthew 28:19-20



Material for this special Cooperative Program Issue was prepared under direction of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Stewardship Department.

The Cooperative Program Is Mississippi Baptists In Action Around The World

The
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Dr. Earl Kelly, the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is the chief executive officer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. His office serves as the nerve center of all programs and activities of the Convention Board, and, to a degree, of all activities of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. He serves as fiscal agent and custodian of all legal documents and properties of the Board. The Cooperative Program budget, which includes all Mississippi Baptist mission support in the state and across the world, is developed annually in his office by a budget committee; and he is responsible for the allocation of all funds received in accord with the Convention Board's policies.

All professional personnel of the Convention Board are recruited and supervised by the Executive Secretary. He is constantly involved in public relations and policy matters. The work of the office.

The Baptist Record

For 36 years the Baptist Record has been an integral part of Mississippi Baptist life, serving not only as a source of information for Baptists, but also promoting the work that Baptists do through the churches and the denomination. Today, with a circulation of 118,000 the periodical stands at what may be the highest point of influence and strength in its entire history.

For many years the Baptist Record paid its own way, and received no funds from the Cooperative Program. Two years ago, however, when costs of paper and postage began to rise rapidly, the publication was placed in the budget for a small amount. In 1975 it will receive \$30,000. This is about 10% of its budget, with the remaining 90% coming from subscriptions and advertising.

Throughout the 50 years history of the Cooperative Program the Baptist Record has supported it through its news columns, its department promotion, its advertising, and editorially. The Record is one of the vital bases in Cooperative Program promotion in Mississippi today.

The Baptist Record ministry reaches far beyond Mississippi. It is part of a network of Baptist news publications which serve the various states, the whole Southern Baptist Convention, and Baptist and other evangelical Christian work throughout the world. The paper receives news of interest to Mississippi Baptists from throughout the world, and makes it accessible to the people here. It also seeks to gather news from the churches all across

Goals for 1975

Strengthening and Cooperative Promotion	Assist 10 churches in Building Fund Campaigns	Present Stewardship materials in 25 pastors conferences	Conduct 15 Associational Stewardship Decision Nights	Reach the Cooperative Program Goal of \$5,000,000		
Evangelism	Baptisms	20,000	Evangelism and Brotherhood	20,000		
LAY RENEWAL	Constituents — to work with pastors and church leaders in assessing needs and preliminary evaluations	25	Co-ordinators — To direct the activities in the churches	50		
Team Members — To serve in the churches in leadership	200	Student Work	Complete renovation of Baptist Student Center at Mississippi University for Women			
Complete plans and let contract for Baptist Student Center at Northeast Mississippi Junior College. Raise \$22,000 to send six students to do summer mission work on foreign fields; 31 on home fields; and help finance several groups to do mission work during school holidays.		Sunday School	1976 Sunday School Enrollment Goal	320,000		
1976 Vacation Bible School Enrollment Goal	145,000	Made	1,200 — Churches reporting a music ensemble	72,000 — Persons enrolled in the music ministry		
Women's Ministry	50,000 members	1,100 churches participating	Associational Brotherhood organizations increase	— 20%		
Church Brotherhood organizations increase	—10%	Baptist Men Membership Increase	— 5%	Royal Ambassadors Membership Increase	— 6%	
Cooperative Missions	Assist three pilot associations in establishing 25 missions. Conduct training-planning for metro, urban, and rural mission direct-ors, establish language missions on Gulf Coast, enlarge work among Spanish Americans, and assist 50 rural churches with survey and planning techniques.		Mississippi Baptist Foundation	Increase in the Principal of funds Administered	\$300,000	
Increase in Trusts	20%	Established	Increase in Wills Written	20%	National Baptists	To ask Southern and National Baptist Associations to elect representatives to the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists.
To increase the number of scholars to Black students from 10 to 20 and double our state scholarship budget.		Christian Action	300 Churches observing Christian home Week	300 Churches observing Christian Citizenship Sunday		

Cooperative Missions

Foy Rogers, Director of the services and ministries of the Cooperative Missions Department in-clude about 20 areas of work, none of which could be performed without the support provided through the Cooperative program.

Services provided for field trips, special training programs, and fellowship meetings to exchange ideas that are working in associations are made possible through the Cooperative Program. The above services are not designed to tell the associational director what he should do but to provide resources from which he can select ideas and methods that can be adapted to meet needs in his own field.

Ministries to language mission people in our state such as the deaf, in literacy, missions, and work among the Indians, Chinese, and Spanish Americans could not be carried on effectively without financial help. Most of the above areas of ministry the local church, association, State Convention, and the Home-Mission Board give support in finances, con-

sel, and facilities. Most of the aid comes from the Cooperative Program. Services offered rural pastors, student pastors, and other Christian vocational workers are provided by the Cooperative Program.

Annual banquets for student pastors, music directors, educational directors, etc., are planned and promoted. Four rural pastors' conferences are planned and promoted annually, and many individual and group helping sessions are conducted each year. In addition to the above, in a service Training Courses are provided through the Seminary Extension and our department has been assigned that responsibility.

The Cooperative Missions Department urges increased support for mission work from the community into all the world, and the God-given channel through which we have to do this is the Cooperative Program.

Those of us in the Cooperative Missions Department are not only the recipients but ardent supporters of the Cooperative Program.

Cooperative Program Budget—1975

INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES	Basis	Advance	Total
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$110,000	\$100,000	\$210,000
CHRISTIAN VILLAGE (CAPT. NEEDS)	125,000	125,000	250,000
218 BAPTIST HOSPITAL (HARDSHIP ASST.)	45,000	45,000	90,000
224 BAPTIST HOSPITAL (EDUCATIONAL)	40,000	40,000	80,000
227 CHRISTIAN ACTION	70,000	70,000	140,000
228 BAPTIST FOUNDATION	15,000	15,000	30,000
234 W. M. U. (OPERATIONAL)	17,122	17,122	34,244
235 W. M. U. (OPERATIONAL)	30,000	30,000	60,000
300 BAPTIST RECORD	20,000	20,000	40,000
SUB-TOTAL	\$2,907,022	\$100,000	\$3,007,022
BOARD PROGRAMS			
343 GULFSHORE ASSEMBLY (CAPT. NEEDS)	110,786	200,000	310,786
347 SUNSHINE SCHOOL	110,786	200,000	310,786
350 BROTHERHOOD	88,443	88,443	176,886
370 CHURCH MUSIC	82,710	82,710	165,420
371 B. S. U. (CAPT. NEEDS)	40,000	40,000	80,000
372 COOP. MINISTRIES WITH NAT. BAPT.	38,825	38,825	77,650
373 EVANGELISM	87,250	87,250	174,500
374 COOPERATIVE MISSIONS	143,910	143,910	287,820
375 ASSOCIATIONAL AID	70,000	70,000	140,000
381 PASTORAL AID	40,773	40,773	81,546
382 BUILDING SERVICES	900	900	1,800
384 SANATORIUM MINISTRY	122,870	122,870	245,740
385 PROMOTION & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	148,200	148,200	296,400
386 BAPTIST BLDG. CAPITAL NEEDS	68,836	68,836	137,672
387 NEW AID (ENGL. EXPANSION)	118,356	118,356	236,712
388 SOCIAL SECURITY & INSURANCE	92,000	92,000	184,000
389 FOUNDATION OF MICH. FILM	20,000	20,000	40,000
390 BAPTIST SEMINARY	68,480	68,480	136,960
391 CHURCH ADMINISTRATION	25,000	25,000	50,000
392 CHURCH RELATIONS	35,832	35,832	71,664
SUB-TOTAL	\$1,712,623	\$30,000	\$1,742,623
ADMINISTRATION - PROMOTION			
290 CONVENTION SESSIONS	10,000	10,000	20,000
291 BAPTIST RECORD	20,000	20,000	40,000
292 BOARD & COMMISSIONER MEETINGS	20,000	20,000	40,000
293 EXEC. SERV. TRAINING OFFICE	20,000	20,000	40,000
294 SPECIAL PROGRAM PROMOTION	22,000	22,000	44,000
SUB-TOTAL	\$92,000	\$92,000	184,000
STATE CAUSES GRAND TOTAL	\$4,197,000	\$45,000	\$4,242,000
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION CAUSES			
396 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION	\$1,891,000	\$150,000	\$2,041,000
397 NORTHERN PLAINS CONVENTION	12,000	12,000	24,000
SUB-TOTAL	\$1,903,000	\$162,000	\$2,065,000
GRAND TOTAL - ALL ITEMS	\$6,100,000	\$600,000	\$6,700,000

W. R. Roberts, Representative of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is the Cooperative Program to help provide an adequate retirement program for their pastors.

The new annual budget for the state convention allocates \$305,000 for ministerial retirement programs, according to W. R. Roberts, Jackson, annuity representative for 23 the churches. For over 23 the churches, a y toward basic protection benefits for their pastors, the state convention budget furnishes an additional \$1, he said.

This money goes into Plan A, the basic protection program administered as a partnership between Mississippi Baptists and the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Plan A provides not only for retirement income but also offers widow benefits, a temporary in-

Annuity Board

quited financial underwriting, and the Cooperative Program has been there. BSU has grown as the Cooperative Program has grown. Recent Convention actions means an expanded BSU program, more finances and the Cooperative Program is the answer. There are still unmet needs. Able personnel and adequate Student Centers are directly involved in their realization. Increased Cooperative Program support is the answer!

Today, the Cooperative Program means more than mere dollars and cents. It means winning college students to Christ, helping them grow in the likeness of Christ, challenging them to Christian vocation — church related or otherwise. BSU and the Cooperative Program — born about the same time — have grown up together, holding in each other, and BSU hopes 50 years together is only the beginning.

Happy Birthday, Cooperative Program, from BSU. May you have many more bigger and better years!

Student Work

Ralph B. Winters, Director of Student Work and the Cooperative Program have grown up together in Mississippi. The first State Baptist Student Convention was in Hattiesburg in 1924, a few months before the Cooperative Program was voted into being by the Southern Baptist Convention, and the 50th Student Convention was in Hattiesburg a few weeks ago just prior to the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program.

Through these 50 years college students have been pointed to Christ and His church, they have been given guidance in finding God's will for their lives; they have been provided opportunities for worship, mission service, Christian fellowship, and recreation.

Today there are ministers in prominent churches, missionaries around the world, and lay leaders in local churches who were introduced to Jesus Christ and had His claims and challenges presented to them through the BSU. This has involved BSU Directors, Baptist Student Center, conventions, retreats, conferences, vocational emphasis as well as weeks, personal counseling, etc. The program, reaching a few campuses and 50 years ago, is now statewide and much more comprehensive.

Obviously, such a program has re-



The Cooperative Missions Staff. Front row, left to right, Norma Norworthy, Grace Lovelace, and Betty Bingham. Back row, left to right, Leon Emery, Foy Rogers, director, Therman Bryant, and Jerry St. John.



WMU Says "Thank You" To Cooperative Program

Miss Margaret Patterson
Executive Secretary



Women's Missionary Union says a big "thank you" to the Cooperative Program. For it is not for the financial support which we receive from Mississippi Baptists through the Cooperative Program, there's no way we could provide the following:

- Areas and state-wide conferences for local and associate staff leaders
- Gatherings or retreats for women, young women, and girls for the purpose of creating awareness of mission needs and stimulating concern for the missions program of Southern Baptists
- Qualified staff members available in churches for consultation regarding missions organizations
- Printed materials in the area of missions education
- Missionary speakers in conventions, retreats, youth gatherings, etc.

So indeed we do say, "Thank you, Cooperative Program, and may you have many more fruitful years." And we pledge to you our vigorous continued support.



Gals from Thuley Baptist Church walked eight miles and earned \$68.50 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Annie Armstrong Offering

The week of March 29, 1975, will be observed as the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. At that time, special prayer will be offered for missions work here in our country and a love offering will be made by Southern Baptists.

We in Mississippi will be striving to reach a goal of \$800,000 for the 1975 Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. Families are urged to participate as groups, perhaps with plans being made for the family to support the work of the Home Mission Board for a certain number of minutes. The amount needed to support all the work of the Board for one minute is \$38.30.

Since financial support of Home Mission work in Mississippi is provided jointly by the Home Mission Board and the Mississippi Baptist Convention, we're sharing in the work right here in our state as well as in

46 Mississippians are serving in 20 states as Home Missionaries supported by the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Margaret Lackey State Mission Offering

The missions vision of Mississippi Baptists has never been focused on foreign and home fields to the exclusion of needs right here in our own beautiful Magnolia State. Language work, resort ministries, migrant ministries are some of the areas of work which have been helped financially in the state because of the Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions.

The year of 1975 will bring a new emphasis to the State Mission Society of Prayer and the Offering. A challenging goal of \$250,000 has been set for the state and most of it is amount will be earmarked to help

You are invited to the premier performance of a Drama commemorating the beginning of the Cooperative Program to be presented by the Mississippi College Drama Department

at the Woman's Missionary Union Convention
Woodland Hills Baptist Church
Jackson, Mississippi
March 18, 1975 7:00 p.m.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

A record budget of \$42,425,294 for Foreign Missions was adopted for 1974. Of this amount, \$23,000,000 is expected to be received from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this winter.

This gigantic love gift, laid on the altar by men and women, boys and girls from large churches and small, represents the missions interest of Baptists throughout the United States.

For the past two years Mississippi Baptists have sent to the Foreign Mission Board more than a million dollars each year designated as Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our state - wide goal of \$1 million for this year is surely a reachable one since it is only about 12 per cent increase over the amount given in 1973.

Mission Giving Includes Special Offering

The progress Mississippi Baptists have made in gifts to Foreign Missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is really a fantastic story and can best be shown by comparing one year's gifts with several other years.

YEAR	AMOUNT GIVEN
1969	\$706,255.58
1970	\$853,999.09
1971	\$946,896.41
1972	\$1,079,783.27
1973	\$1,223,454.40

A substantial percentage of total gifts to missions among Mississippi Baptists comes from three church-wide special mission offerings. These offerings, taken during three different quarters of the church year, come from throughout the church family with primary promotion being the responsibility of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Approximately one - half of the budget of the Foreign Mission Board is furnished by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering while the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering supplies approximately one - half of the annual budget of the Home Mission Board. These two conventions - wide love offerings as well as the State Mission Offering serve to supplement Cooperative Program funds which provide the sustained, ongoing support of our missions program in Mississippi, the USA, and around the world.



Mrs. Robert Smith, Mississippi WMU president.

Department Of Cooperative Ministries With National Baptists

Dick Brogan, Director of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



Dick Brogan, right, director of the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, discusses a theme with Verse Dee Brown, a department scholarship student.

Church Training

Kernat S. King, Director

For the six members of the Mississippi Church Training Department, 76 Associational Church Training Directors, and some 1,431 Church Training Directors in the state, one of the important items in the 1975 Mississippi Baptist Convention budget is the \$107,000 that is earmarked for Church Training promotion.

This amount, supplemented by the Baptist Sunday School Board, constitutes the funding which makes possible the availability of a staff of age division specialists to the churches of the state.

The Mississippi Church Training Department is charged with the responsibility of helping each church organize, improve, and enlarge its program of church training and of assisting associational leaders who have the same task.

This means that the Department operates simultaneously in these areas: To provide training opportunities for Church Training leaders of the churches.

To provide training opportunities for Church Training leaders of the association.

To assist churches in the training opportunities they provide for their Church Training leaders.

To assist associational Church Training leaders.



Training leaders in the training opportunities they provide for the leaders of the churches of their association.

To produce and/or make available resources that will help Church Training leaders understand their responsibilities and function more effectively in the work to which they have been called.

The training program of a church is concerned with preparing "all God's people for the work of his service, to build up the body of Christ." This involves—

Helping members discover their spiritual gifts, dedicate them to God, develop them, and channel them into the service of Christ.

Developing all members to participate meaningfully in the life and work of the church in the world.

Helping members acquire the basic knowledge and understanding which they need.

Helping members develop the Christian skills needed to carry out effectively the church functions.

Members of the department staff are fully aware that their ability to function at all as a service to the churches of Mississippi is due to the fact that the churches have pre-paid for these services by their support through the Cooperative Program of the state convention budget.

Sunday School

Bryant M. Cummings, Director

The work of the Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Department is made possible by the support of funds provided through the Cooperative Program. The Sunday School Department is able to provide a number of services to the churches and associations of Mississippi through the Cooperative Program.

The state Sunday School Department is able to minister to individuals in the churches and associations through a number of avenues and channels. The department provides priority help and assistance in the area of the Bible teaching program.

This means that because of the support of the Cooperative Program all of our workers who serve as associates or office secretaries are able to provide assistance not only in methods and procedures of good Bible Teaching and administration but also in providing help in these areas: Vacation Bible School work.



Back Yard Bible Clubs, Mission Vacation Bible Schools, Extension Fellowship, January Bible Study Preview meetings, assistance to small Sunday Schools and their workers, teaching and training of Sunday School officers and teachers in the local church and officers of the association, organizations, interpreting resource materials and helps from the Sunday School Board and our department to individuals and members, kindergarten and day care clinics and programs, and group association and local training schools.

The Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Department pledges its support to and will continue to promote the Cooperative Program at every opportunity.

Ministerial Education

The Board of Ministerial Education, son, James Travis, and Roy Clark, Phillip Stanberry serves as clerk-treasurer.

The Board of Ministerial Education renders service through monthly cash grants made to qualified applicants based on need and funds available. Generally these grants range from \$10 to \$35; however, in some cases the grants are even larger.

Until recently the Board owned a number of housing units adjacent to three of our campuses, and these were provided for ministerial students at a very low rental rate. In some cases rent - free. The Convention voted in November, 1974, to assign to the colleges full responsibility for administering all such housing and voted to transfer all property owned by the Board to the colleges. The Board continues to provide rent supplements to those qualified applicants living in college - owned housing and to those living in other housing as well.

Through the years multitudes of men who have felt God's call to preach have been able to gain an education because Mississippi Baptists, through this Board and through other channels as well, have provided financial assistance. Doubtless a common sentiment among those who have thus been helped is, "Long live the Cooperative Program!"—for the budget of this Board is a part of the total Cooperative Program budget. But in these days of inflation continued life is not enough increased support is needed. May we as Mississippi Baptists respond to that challenge!

Mississippi College

Lewis Nobles, President
Currently, in its 124th year as a Baptist institution, Mississippi College is an educational institution, Mississippi College can look backward and forward with pride for the part it has played and will play in preparing young men and women for the ministry—whether it be in the pulpit, in the home, in business, in a professional field, or in any worthwhile endeavor.

While many colleges and universities are finding it necessary to close their doors because of the financial crunch, Mississippi College can boast of operating 42 consecutive years in the black. A major reason for this enviable record is the approximately \$200,000 it receives annually from the Cooperative Program of the college and its School of Nursing for capital needs and unallocated purposes.

As Dr. Lewis Nobles, college president, puts it, "Mississippi College continues to reach new heights in enrollment, to attract many of the top scholars in the state, and to employ and keep well-qualified faculty partly because the college is Christian, philosophically sound, and the college is to a large extent what alumni and friends have enabled it to be through their continuous interest and generous support, both personally and through the Cooperative Program."

The current enrollment of the college totals 2,401 students, with approximately 80 percent of them coming from 77 of the 82 counties in Mississippi. Baptists are by far the most dominant denominational group, composing approximately 70 percent of the student body.

Evangélism

Ray Collins, Director

The Cooperative Program is Evangelism. Evidence of this fact is clearly presented in the ministry to our pastors and churches as they seek more effective ways and means to mobilize to reach the lost. The financial support from the churches through the Cooperative Program provides the total amount needed for the operation of this department. The services of the director and office secretary are thereby made available to pastors, church leaders, and members of the churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention without further cost or financial obligation.

The Cooperative Program, therefore, provides to the churches the following services:

1. Well developed and effective methods for enlisting, motivating, and training laymen, women, and young people to share effectively their faith in Christ in personal soul-winning.
2. Special leadership training in evangelism through conferences, clinics, seminars, workshops, and assemblies.
3. Assistance to church program organizations upon request, in keeping evangelism central support to the Cooperative Program.
4. Materials on evangelism.
5. Personal consultation, upon request, for pastors or other church leaders in program planning and projection.



The message of evangelism is the message of love, and it can only be communicated in the language of love. The Cooperative Program is an expression of love on the part of God's people in response to God's love. It provides unparalleled opportunity for Baptists to give tangible witness to their God-given passion and concern for those to whom the Lord has commanded them to "Go!"

Theirs is a deep conviction, shared in common with an outstanding Baptist leader who said: "The Cooperative Program is the single most important force in the character of the Southern Baptist Convention. It has molded the functioning structure, of the denomination by being the main channel through which Southern Baptists have expressed their sense of mission under God."

In the Power of the Spirit of the Living God it is being wielded as an effective weapon. In evangelism around the world. We who serve in leadership in evangelism in Mississippi do hereby express our thanks, giving for and pledge our unfailing support to the Cooperative Program.

*Duke K. McCall — Review and Expander, Spring, 1973



Campus Scene at Mississippi College

A quality education in a Christian environment can, in reality, be one of an individual's wisest investments in the future. Mississippi College is a part of the support it has received through the Cooperative Program and looks forward to the 1975-76 school year when it will be celebrating 125 years as an arm of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Clarke College

W. Lawrey Compton, President

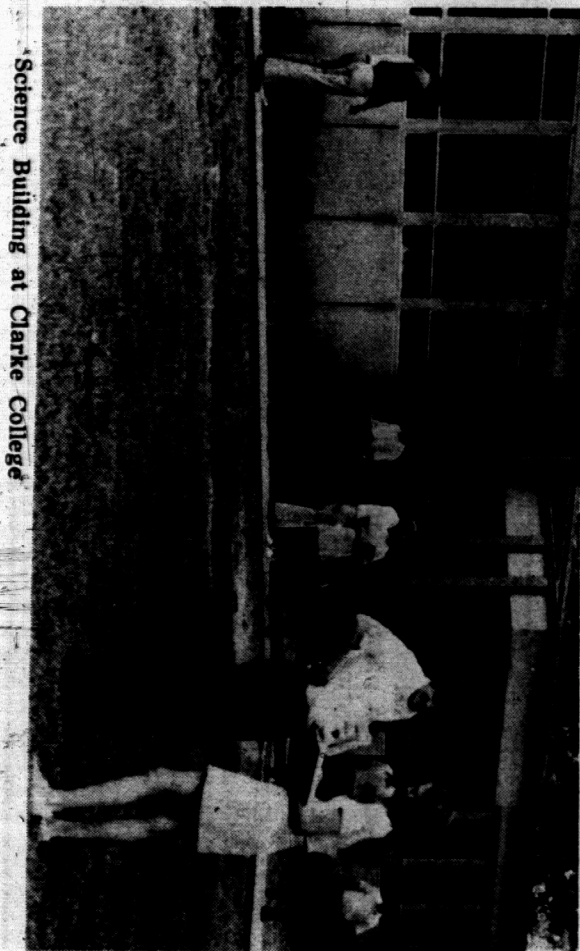
For 50 years the Cooperative Program has been an effective channel from the many to the many — from many sources to many objects, from many contributors to many causes, from many Christian stewards to many areas of Christian ministry. While no one would claim that this method is perfect, most informed Baptists would agree that it is the best system yet devised for distributing the financial results of Christian stewardship to the many areas of work by which we attempt to carry out our Lord's Great Commission.

For many years the Cooperative Program has been the life-line of Clarke College as one agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Currently it provides approximately 24 percent of the total operational budget of the college. These funds help to pay the salaries of faculty and administrative staff, to maintain the facilities, and to provide the instructional equipment and supplies needed for an effective educational program.

As a private junior college, Clarke must keep its charges to the students as low as possible. Therefore, other sources of support are necessary to subsidize income from students. Some of this comes from Endowment and invested reserves, and a good portion comes from individual contributions given for regular support. But the largest and most stable source of support is through the Cooperative Program.

Thus, through the Cooperative Program, many thousands of Mississippi Baptists are helping to provide a Christian education for a fine group of dedicated Christian students. A high percentage of these young people, almost half of them, are preparing for the ministry or some other form of vocational Christian service.

We are Clarke College wish to express our appreciation for the Cooperative Program, our purpose to promote it as the principal channel for Christian stewardship, and our determination to be good stewards of the funds that come through this channel to our area of the world mission program of our Lord.



Science Building at Clarke College

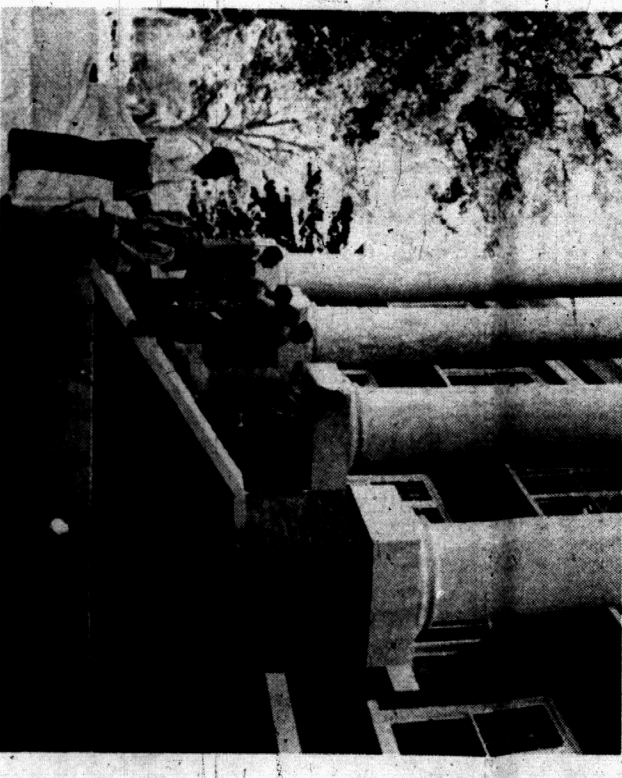
William Carey College Stewardship And Cooperative Program

J. Ralph Nookester, President

William Carey College owes its existence to the Cooperative Program; and because William Carey College exists, approximately 3,600 men and women across the nation and on mission fields abroad have experienced the benefits of quality Christian education.

"Believing that the continued growth and development of the nation and on mission fields abroad have experienced the benefits of quality Christian education, we face the future with optimism even in the face of a national economic crisis. We have just experienced the finest year in our history and faithfully believe that the best is still ahead for us."

In 1974 William Carey College reached an all-time enrollment peak of over 1,200, with an amazing 200 entering the new graduate program.



William Carey College offers quality education in a creative Christian atmosphere. Supported by the Cooperative Program, 1200 students live and learn in an environment where God is the recognized source of all wisdom. Owned and operated by Mississippi Baptists since 1911, William Carey College, formerly Mississippi Woman's College, has produced thousands of skilled Christian graduates who have entered every major profession with hundreds going into full-time Christian service.

Other Areas Receive Cooperative Program Support

This special edition of The Baptist Record gives emphasis to agencies and areas of work supported by the Cooperative Program both in Mississippi and on a national scale. Other entities of national scope which receive Cooperative Program support but which are not mentioned elsewhere in this issue include the Brotherhood Commission, the Christian Life Commission, the Education Commission, the Historical Commission, the Stewardship Commission, the

Promotion

By John Alexander, Director

The year 1925 was a major milestone in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. On May 13 meeting at Memphis, Tenn., the convention voted to approve a committee report to combine the best elements of the "Seventy-Five Million Campaign" into a plan to solicit, combine, and direct the giving of Southern Baptists. It was named the Cooperative Program. Each church and state convention would voluntarily cooperate.

Fifty years later we can look back on the significance of what was done at Memphis. The results have been spectacular. It has produced the greatest advance in Christian missions in all of Christian history. Stability and strength have become characteristic of our work around the world. There have always been those who ignored the Cooperative Program. Some condemned it and others praised it, but it has grown steadily in acceptance by the Baptist constituency. Its success has been the envy of the religious world.

In order to properly note the 50th anniversary, the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Dallas, set a goal of \$150 million to be given in response to world needs during the anniversary year. Our part of this goal in Mississippi will be \$7.8 million. This is an increase of 18.1% or \$1.2 million over the current budget goal of \$6.6 million. Plans call for churches to budget this increase in 1975 to be given through the Cooperative Program in 1976. This kind of giving will require a greater commitment than has ever been made by Mississippi Baptists. We can, we must, we will meet



it. We have never failed to respond to a real and worthy challenge.

The year of celebration was launched on Tuesday night of the November convention. Following the example of Southern Baptist leadership, Dr. Earl Kelly led the Board, Agency, and Commission leaders in signing the Declaration of Cooperation. Every association is urged to sign this document at a meeting in March. On April 20, 1975, every church in Mississippi is urged to have a celebration and urged every member to sign the Declaration of Cooperation. 1975 promotion materials are in four categories: They are missions, budget, giving, and money management. These materials will be shared with each church early in the year. Almost all SBC periodicals will be carrying educational information. A set of four trigrams will be sent to each church.

- For the sake of World Missions the year 1975 must be a great year. Mississippi Baptists, as always, will be right in the midst of all our Baptist brethren in this special celebration. I urge every church in 1975 to —
- (1) Plan an enlarged budget and include a significant increase to the Cooperative Program.
 - (2) Plan for a better budget campaign.
 - (3) Have an observance during the year to educate and commit your people to continued support of missions through the Cooperative Program.
 - (4) Establish a time NOW in your 1975 church calendar for your celebration Sunday.

Blue Mountain College

The Administration Building at Blue Mountain College



E. Harold Fisher, President
Since its founding 101 years ago, the purpose of Blue Mountain College has been to help young women develop Christian character and sound scholarship and to use their talents for the betterment of society. Successive generations of Blue Mountain graduates have in turn served the denomination, in gratitude for the benefits made possible through the Convention's support of the college.

The Cooperative Program helps pay many day by day operating costs at Blue Mountain, and the college is grateful for this support, without which tuition charges would make Baptist private education at each of our colleges out of reach for most Mississippi Baptists.

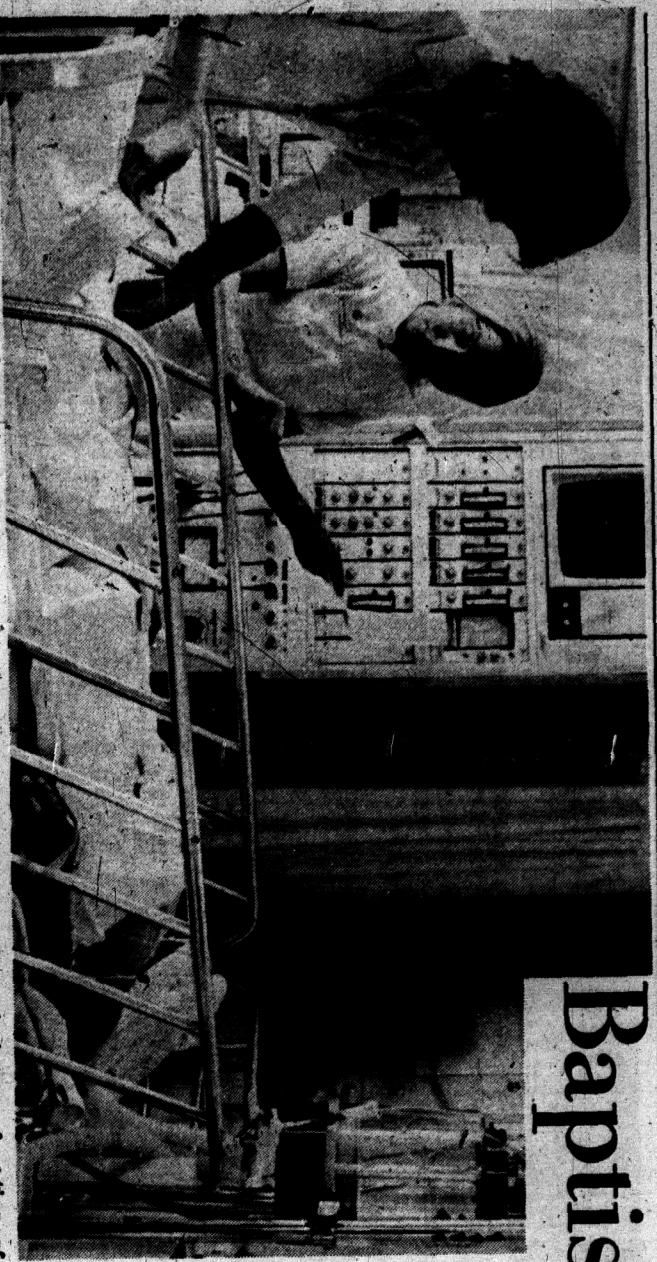
Last school year marked a "Year of Celebration" for Blue Mountain College, as it observes its 100th birthday, with an outdoor pageant tracing

the 100-year history of the school. At Blue Mountain College the primary focus is on the individual, and many students are permitted a wide selection with schedule flexibility in most areas of study. The college also has the concept of outreach to the communities it serves.

"Blue Mountain is in a unique position of providing the total education experience for women," says President E. Harold Fisher, "in a day of increased emphasis and awareness on the role women are playing in society and providing a coordinate academic program for ministerial students which has served to strengthen our work in this area of the state."

"The Mississippi Baptist Convention has done a remarkable job in recognizing the needs and providing the programs designed to fit the very special requirements of women."

Thursday, January 2, 1975



Baptist Hospital

Paul J. Pryor, Director
Speaking for the Board of Trustees, the Administration, and the Staff of Mississippi Baptist Hospital, we are very proud to be a part of the Cooperative Program of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. We feel that by being a part of the Cooperative Program every church in our state is assisting the program of our hospital and every Baptist member has a part in our program.

We feel that Mississippi Baptist Hospital definitely has a part in the missionary function of our Baptist program in Mississippi. We feel tremendous insight was shown by members of the Convention Board 63 years ago when the decision was made for the Convention to sponsor a Baptist hospital that would minister on a statewide basis to the people of Mississippi. Our institution has had a large blessing in that it has grown and enlarged its healing ministry through the years. As the hospital became a part of the Cooperative Program, we saw assistance being

Christian Action Commission

J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director
The Christian Action Commission, an agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has these seven programs of work: The Christian Family, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Human Relations, Photography, Church and State, Christian Citizenship, and other Moral and Social Problems as the need may arise. The twelve-member Commission, elected by the Convention, is responsible for the necessary personnel to maintain an office and achieve its assigned objectives. The Commission is supported by an annual allocation from the Cooperative Program.

The Commission emphasizes the biblical teachings in the areas of concern mentioned and provides materials and services to assist the churches to be informed of related facts, trends, and conditions. More than a million tracts and other resource materials have been produced or secured and distributed for the seven programs.

The Commission serves through workshops, seminars, and conferences to equip leaders to cope with op-



portunities, challenges, and problems people face in daily living. Assistance is given in family life enrichment, revivals, marriage enrichment retreats, and other special family needs to help make good stands for policies and/or laws being the past eight years.

The Executive Director, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, provides referral assistance to pastors whose members need professional counseling in family or personal problems.

The Commission alerts Baptist leaders of pending legislation on pertinent matters. The Commission stands for policies and/or laws believed to implement or protect religious freedom and the concept of Separation of Church and State.

The Director and each member of the Commission wholeheartedly support the Cooperative Program, which is the life-blood of the Commission. The meeting of the Commission, and our meeting of the growing demands of our Baptist constituency is dependent upon increased giving through the Cooperative Program.

Church-Minister Relations

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's newest department of work is the Church - Minister Relations Department. A director will be chosen early in 1974. If the expertise of several other states is duplicated in Mississippi, this new department of work will be one of the most used and productive programs in the State Mission Program.

It shall be the responsibility of the Church - Minister Relations Director to gather and catalogue biographical data on all church staff members who wish their names to be placed in the file. On request of a pulpit committee or personnel committee he will provide a minimum of three names and biographical information to persons the committee might wish to consider for the pastorate or other staff position it seeks to fill. Additionally, names of persons possibly available will be offered as requested until the position is filled. Each local committee will do its own investigation and evaluation of the suitability of persons for its church.

The fifth anniversary challenge of the Cooperative Program dollar goes to theological education. This is the largest percentage that the Seminars have received. The Seminars are grateful an encouraging by this support. Fifteen per cent of all Seminary Extension, a joint enterprise of all of the Seminars, can be greatly enlarged.

Response to the Anniversary Challenge strengthens the Seminars, quickens the flow of leadership into the churches. This quickly becomes an expanding circle of witness that touches the whole earth.

The Seminars

Robert E. Naylor, President
Southwestern Seminary
The Cooperative Program is the life-line of Southern Baptist Theological Education. The six seminaries, which constitute Southern Baptist theological education receive the major part of their support from this source. From 57 per cent in the larger seminaries to 90 per cent in the newer or smaller seminaries, the dependence upon Southern Baptist giving is major.

Let us put it another way. The Southern Baptist Cooperative Program, celebrating its 50th anniversary, and Southern Baptist Theological Education, represented by the six seminaries, are sincere, twin, dependent one upon the other, generating strength one for the other. The health of one is bound up inseparably



Brotherhood

E. L. Howell, Director
It is the privilege of the Brotherhood Department to promote missionary education and involvement among the Baptist Men, Baptist Young Men, and boys of the various churches throughout the state.

The Brotherhood Department ministers to the needs of the people of the Baptist churches in many ways.

Through distribution of materials and information which lends assistance to the churches in promoting and maintaining a program of mission education and involvement for men and boys.

Special mission opportunities for involvement of the church and associational leadership is provided through the promotion and direction of state and area events such as: World Missions Rally, State Missions Tour

Historical Commission

E. A. McLemore, Executive Secretary
Mississippi Baptists date their beginning as an organized religious body from 1793 when Saden Baptist Church was constituted. This group of seven believers began a movement that has eventually brought together nearly 600,000 in about 1,900 churches.

The story of the 138 years of evangelistic work by the Baptists is a thrilling one. It is reflected in the minutes and other records of the local churches, the records of the associations, the annals of the State Convention, the pages of The Baptist Review, and a multitude of other sources. The accumulation of and the preservation of this material is an important part of the work of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission.

The Historical Commission provides information from the material it has brought together for churches and for students interested in Baptist history. The materials that have been preserved enable the Commission to furnish some information on every church in the Convention. There is also a collection of biographical information that helps to understand the work of many Baptist leaders.

The collection of historical materials is growing and the users are increasing. This collection is housed in the Leland Speed Library on the Mississippi College campus. It is administered by an executive secretary and a librarian. The Cooperative Program has made this work possible. In 1974 the allocation was \$11,500.

Business Manager-Comptroller

A. L. Nelson
The division of the Business Manager - Comptroller of the Mississippi Convention Board receives its total support from the Cooperative Program.

This being an administrative department of the Board, its service is the accurate economical handling of the business activities of the Convention Board, including the financial records, receipts and disbursements; allocation of monies according to approved budget and accounting for same to the satisfaction of the auditors; purchasing, building and property maintenance; and securing clerical and non-professional personnel in performing our work.

Building Services

Marilyn Cistler, Director
As the name implies, Building Services is a department that serves every other department within the Building. Here you will find supplies to fulfill the general office needs, through the services of this department, the mail is picked up from the other departments, stamped, sorted, and checked as to proper zip code order as required by the post office. It is to this office that the post office officials call when there is any irregularity in post mail.

The print shop in this department could well be a department alone. Here letters are duplicated and reports, minutes of various meetings, and all kinds of promotional materials are printed. Paper and materials for printing are stocked in anticipation of needs, and orders placed when specific materials are required.

No pieces of service are more important than receptionist at the switchboard and building hostess, and warm welcome to visitors and workers in the building is first received from these employees who create



Home Mission Board

How much does the Home Mission Board need the support of the Cooperative Program? How much do you need your right arm?

For years the Cooperative Program has been our main line of financial support . . . and we anticipate that it will continue to be so in the years to come. Last year this "right arm" helped this agency to cross barriers with the gospel of Christ with gifts amounting to more than \$63 million.

What at what is being done. In the 20 states and Puerto Rico the cause of Christ is being advanced through evangelism, church extension, Christian social ministries, pioneer missions, language missions, chaplaincy, interfaith witness, cooperative work with National Baptist, associational services, metropolitan and rural-urban missions, and church loans.

Take a closer look at what this work is meaning to people . . . millions of persons in our land. Can you see—

- Lost persons accepting Christ as Savior?
- New churches and missions springing up in every state?
- Witnessing to disadvantaged

● Strategy planning and guidance provided for Baptist work in the large metropolitan areas as well as the rural communities?

● Church loans provided for churches which are unable to get local financing for their buildings?

Your church's support of the Cooperative Program is able you to have a definite part in the ministry of over 2,100 missionaries on the field. In addition, you help support more than 1,100 young people who volunteer their services on short term assignments.

Dr. Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director, treasurer, has said on numerous occasions that the Home Mission Board is more than appreciative of your gifts in the past. He has expressed the Board's dependence upon your generosity. He is totally committed to the principle of cooperative missions: church; association; and state, home and foreign missions.

The Home Mission Board earnestly prays that you will prayerfully support the challenging Cooperative goal for Mississippi in 1970. It will help

● Baptist work being organized in areas of our country where new evangelical churches are

Do you hear the cries?

● "Help me know about your Jesus!"

• "Help me learn to read so I can get a job and support my family!"
 • "Help me hear the gospel in my own language!"
 • "Help us organize a church in our pagan community!"
 • "Help us to cope with urban life!"

Mississippi Baptists . . . as you support the Cooperative Program you help us to help these persons cryling like "voices in the wilderness."

Home Mission Board
 Southern Baptist Convention

Judge's Trophy winners in state music competition, Dan Hall, Music Department director, is at right.

per personally, each re-mail or telephone and bells, but the department does its try to determine

future events may be held at the church, as well as at the home of the couple. In the past, children through age 18 have been organized, held in the home of one of the couple, then taken to the church, Church Training School, Church Training Center, or shared. Specific plans for the one staff church as well as the church.

Many of the very practical ways in which the Church is located in the Church is the Church. In addition, the Church has a "Share" program of churches.

To develop musical talent to opportunity to participate in the Church.

from churches of all sizes. Young people and adults are encouraged to get the chance to share musical experiences and fellowship in summer music camps, hold each summer on some of our Baptist colleges and campuses. Spiritual and personal development are also specific goals of this department, with plans for music staff members and their spouses.

With the recent revival of interest in lay participation in worship services, a series of brochures of creative congregational worship ideas is being prepared, again to help more people to know of different ways to involve more people. And it is these people who make our program possible. The girls through the Cooperative Program return to the local church hopefully "thirtyfold," "sixtyfold" or even "an hundred-fold."

with long experience and proven

and managed in strict accordance with the wishes of the donors. Trust funds are carefully administered with a view to causing designated beneficiaries to benefit from the securities approved by the

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support of our denominational work. The preparation of their wills is the preparation of their wills, and the wills are available to anyone who includes some part of their estates of our Baptist work.

X, executive secretary of the Washington, right, and Mrs. Sara X, secretary in the Foundation. Congratulate Miss Zandee Welch, a bookkeeper, Miss Walton, a housekeeper, and Miss Groves, a college graduate and the WMU Training School. The group is also congratulating the staff of the Foundation. Rev. is with a deep sense of accomplishment and efficient handling of the Baptist Foundation.

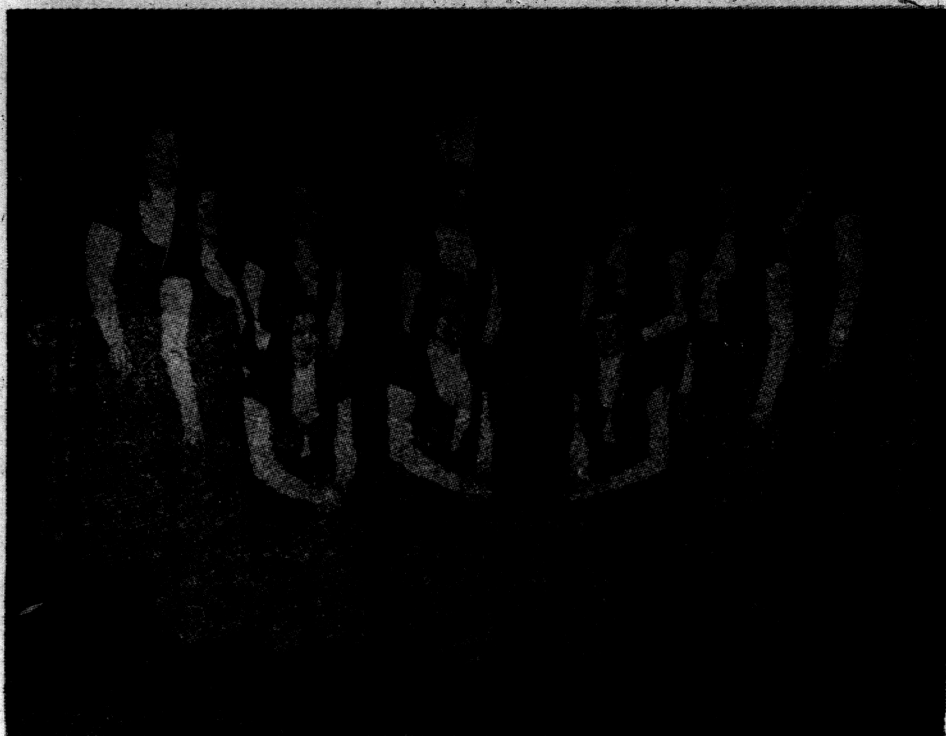
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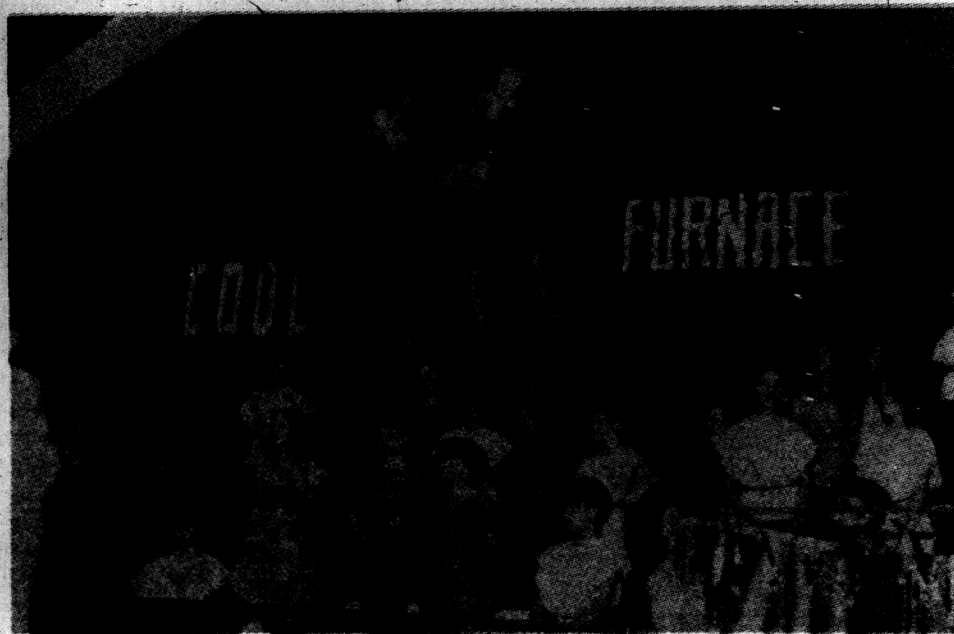
"The Villagers," Choral ensemble of the Department of Music at The Children's Village, give their testimony in song in Mississippi Baptist churches.

Paul N. Nunnery, Superintendent

Almost 78 years ago Mississippi Baptists inaugurated a Mission Ministry to orphans and neglected children in Jackson by admitting to care the first residents of The Baptist Children's Village. The intervening years have recorded cooperative prayers and support of Southern Baptists who share Jesus' expressed concern for little children as thousands of them have been won to the Christian faith, thousands have been lifted to redemptive life-styles; and thousands of homes have been repaired and restored to security and productivity—all through the influence and service of the Convention's only child care agency, the Baptist Children's Village.

The Village is a member of the Cooperative Program "team." Since its inception The Cooperative Program has included a generous allocation to the Children's Village. Without that assured income about 20 percent of Village needs and Village ministry would be dramatically curtailed, perhaps terminated.

The Cooperative Program in child care means Christian care, a substi-



Juniors at The Baptist Children's Village perform the mini-musical, "It's Cool in the Furnace," for a worship service in Powell Chapel on The Village campus.

tute home and family for 300 different Children each year, one of America's most modern child care plans in Jackson, dozens of private homes serving as "foster homes" of the Village in affording superior Christian care, a Village satellite home in New Albany, an opportunity to operate a new branch campus in Tate County, Christian counselling and social casework, a ministry of therapeutic music and wholesome use of leisure-activities, and more than 50 won to Christ each year. The Cooperative Program in child care is Jesus saying anew, "Suffer little Children to come unto me, and forbid them not. . . ."

The Cooperative Program in action in child care is a Christian teacher, wife, and mother who lived at the Village from age 8 through college graduation, writing in November, 1974, "Every child who enters the Village feels God's love. Praise the Lord for the Children's Village."

The Cooperative Program is Missions in action for God's first institution, the home and family, at The Baptist Children's Village.

An Appeal - - -

This special issue of The Baptist Record attempts to set forth a part of the World Ministries supported mainly through the Cooperative Program. All the issues of The Baptist Record for a whole year could not detail what is being done in our nation and 81 other countries in the name of Christ and Southern Baptists. It is certainly true that the sun never sets on the work supported by the Cooperative Program. In languages we do not speak, in countries we have visited, and to people we've never seen, the gospel is given because of monies channeled through the Cooperative Program. Destitute chil-

dren are housed, fed, educated. Higher education in a Christian environment is provided. The Good News is sent by printed word, and through radio and television. Multiplied millions hear a message of hope daily.

A look at the world today presents a staggering picture of immediate need. Illiterate, hungry, sick, lost mankind needs the blessings Christ and His way of life afford.

Why don't we do more? We need to do more! We ought to do more! We could do more! Why don't we do more? The answer lies partially, perhaps primarily, in the fact that available funds will go no further.

Dedicated, informed, concerned

pastors and laymen look prayerfully at all the needs and, under God's guidance, place what funds they have where they can do the most good for the greatest number of people.

These administrators and workers can do more when the churches provide more funds with which they can work. You and your church will answer the question as to whether we as Baptists can do more in 1975. Please pray, give to your church, and urge your church to do more through the Cooperative Program during this Golden Anniversary Year.

For Christ's Sake,
John Alexander, Director
Stewardship Department